



Docket No. US 19001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:
Mario SACCHETTI, et al.

Serial No.: 10/030,466

Group Art Unit: 1755

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Examiner: J.M. BROWN

Title: **PRE-POLYMERIZED CATALYST COMPONENTS FOR THE POLYMERIZATION OF OLEFINS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action bearing a mailing date of November 16, 2005. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond is set to expire on February 16, 2006. As such, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

1. Rejection of Claims 1 and 4-20 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action states that claims 1 and 4-20 are rejected as being unpatentable over Govoni, et al. (U.S. Patent 6,468,938). In particular, the Office Action states,

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) might be overcome by: (1) a showing under 37 CFR